

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006. Claims 1 through 49 were pending in the present application when last examined. Claims 1-10 and 27-38 are allowed. Claims 11-26 and 39-49 stand rejected.

In this paper, no claims are added, claims 11-19 are cancelled without prejudice, and claim 26 is amended.

I. ISSUES NOT RELATED TO CITED REFERENCES

Claims 26 and 39-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 26 has been amended to refer to “computer-readable storage medium,” which is clearly a “manufacture” and therefore qualifies as statutory subject matter. Reconsideration of the rejection with respect to Claim 26 is thus respectfully requested.

Claim 39 as previously presented already recites a “computer-readable storage medium”. Claims 40-49 refers to “computer-readable storage medium” by reason of their dependency from Claim 39. Withdrawal of the rejection with respect to Claims 39-49 is respectfully requested.

II. ISSUES RELATED TO CITED REFERENCES

Claims 11-15, 17-20 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,668,877 to Aziz (hereinafter *Aziz*). While Applicant disagrees with the grounds for rejection and would traverse, Applicant Claims 11-15, 17-20 and 22-25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, solely for the purpose of administrative efficiency and to expedite prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to address the rejections in a continuing application.

Claims 16 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Aziz* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,629,243 to Kleinman et al. While Applicant disagrees with the

grounds for rejection and would traverse, Claims 16 and 21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, solely for the purpose of administrative efficiency and to expedite prosecution.

Applicant reserves the right to address the rejections in a continuing application.

III. CONCLUSION

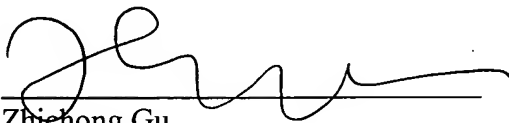
For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any applicable fees from and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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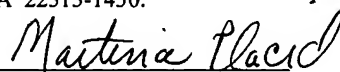

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